GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:89
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BAN ON IMPORT OF YARN
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the types and value of yarn imported during the last three years along with the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government propose to impose ban on the import of yarn;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to protect the interests of domestic textile industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question. No. 89 for 23.11.2001

(a) The types and value of yarn imported during the last three years are given below :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Items	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
Silk Yarn	3701.85	3860.53	7123.60
Woollen yarn including yarn of animal hair	1028.86	786.74	1121.46
Cotton Yarn	2059.95	1387.07	3110.51
Cotton sewing thread	39.08	38.18	187.30
Flax Yarn	896.60	1337.67	736.23
Jute Yarn and other vegetable textile yarn	88.03	157.74	238.84
Man-made filament yarn	35473.37	64239.58	69092.39
100% non-cotton yarn	2944.92	2853.29	3370.28
100% non-cotton sewing thread	183.50	145.50	153.21

Source: DGCI&S

Market forces subject to export import policy in force govern imports from time to time. In any case, total import of yarn (in quantity terms) is less than 3% of total domestic production.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Imposition of ban, per se, is not WTO compatible.

(d) Government is keeping watch on the imports and would strive to ensure that imports do not cause any serious detriment or injury to the domestic industry. In case any unfair trade practice comes to notice, action, if necessary, under anti-dumping, countervailing and safeguard measures under the WTO agreement could be taken.